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Happy Women's History Month!

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It's the first day of March, and as we continue to commit ourselves to actively working to support and uplift our Black friends and neighbors and push back against white supremacy wherever it asserts itself, we also celebrate March as Women's History Month.

From the [Women's History Month website](#): "Women's History Month had its origins as a national celebration in 1981 when Congress passed Pub. L. 97-28 which authorized and requested the President to proclaim the week beginning March 7, 1982 as "Women's History Week." Throughout the next five years, Congress continued to pass joint resolutions designating a week in March as "Women's History Week." In 1987 after being petitioned by the National Women's History Project, Congress passed Pub. L. 100-9 which designated the month of March 1987 as "Women's History Month." Between 1988 and 1994, Congress passed additional resolutions requesting and authorizing the President to proclaim March of each year as Women's History Month. Since 1995, presidents have issued a series of annual proclamations designating the month of March as "Women's History Month." These proclamations celebrate the contributions women have made to the United States and recognize the specific achievements women have made over the course of American history in a variety of fields."

We will have a full schedule of events celebrating Women's History Month here at UMaine in the coming days, but until then, please consider attending some of these incredible events from the organizations behind the national celebration:

[Native American Women and the Politics of Portraiture at the Turn of the 20th Century, hosted by the Smithsonian Portrait Gallery](#) (Tuesday, March 2nd, 5:00 PM EST)

Presented by Cathleen D. Cahill, Associate Professor of History, Penn State University, with a Q & A moderated by Cécile R. Ganteaume, curator, National Museum of the American Indian.

At the turn of the twentieth century, Native American cultures, governments, and traditions were under sustained attack by federal policies that sought to destroy them. Policymakers drew a contrast between "modern Americans" and "primitive Indians" based on clothing, hairstyle, and self-presentation. Those ideas were reinforced by the many images of American Indians that proliferated in art, literature, the built environment, and myriad other aspects of U.S. culture. This presentation explores how two Native American activists, Marie Bottineau Baldwin (Turtle Mountain Chippewa) and Gertrude Bonnin, also known as Zitkala-Ša (Yankton Dakota), strategically used self-presentation—especially clothing and portraiture—to change public opinion about Native communities in their fight for political rights.

[The Doctors Blackwell: How Two Pioneering Sisters Brought Medicine to Women and Women to Medicine, hosted by the National Archives](#) (Friday, March 5th, 12:00-1:00 PM EST)

In the mid-19th century, it was an unheard of notion for a woman to study medicine, but in 1849, Elizabeth Blackwell became the first woman in America to receive an M.D. She was soon joined by her younger sister, Emily, and together, the Blackwells founded the New York Infirmary for Indigent Women and Children, the first hospital staffed entirely by women. In *The Doctors Blackwell*, Janice P. Nimura presents the story of these pioneering sisters and how they exploded the limits of possibility for women in medicine.

[Women of The First National People of Color Environmental Leadership Summit, hosted by Smithsonian and the Anacostia Community Museum](#) (Saturday, March 6th, 1:00-3:00 PM EST)

Join us for an important environmental justice reunion and focus on female activism. This community forum brings together several women who were participants in the First National People of Color Environmental Leadership Summit of 1991. How did this summit impact their work? What lessons were learned in the past that can be applied to efforts today?

About the original Summit:

Over the course of four days in October of 1991, more than 500 participants gathered in Washington, D.C., to challenge myths that communities of color were not concerned about environmental issues. Participants represented civil rights, environmental health, community development, and faith organizations from across the U.S., Canada, Central and South America, and the Marshall Islands.

Conversations, negotiations, and moments of solidarity produced the 17 Principles of Environmental Justice. These principles forever transformed future notions of "the environment" and "environmentalism." They energized and supported the efforts of Environmental Justice networks and spurred reflection within mainstream environmental organizations who sought to address charges of exclusivity and a lack of diversity.

Panelists:

- Susana Almanza, Director PODER
- Dr. Mildred McClain- Founder/Executive Director, Harambee House
- Vernice Miller-Travis, Executive Vice President, Metropolitan Group

[Virtual Women Filmmakers Festival: Lessons from Activist Histories with Coco Fusco](#) (Wednesday, March 10th, 5:30 PM EST)

Join award-winning artist and writer **Coco Fusco** for a virtual conversation about her work that examines the complex relationships between art, politics, and identity since the 1990s. Watch a screening of Fusco's 2004 *a/k/a Mrs. George Gilbert*, which explores the role of photography in the FBI's hunt for and trial of Black Power activist Angela Davis.

Fusco is joined in conversation by **Rhea Combs**, curator of film and photography at the Smithsonian's National Museum of

African American History and Culture, and **Saisha Grayson**, time-based media curator at the Smithsonian American Art Museum. Learn more about how government surveillance impacts activists in the era of camera phones and facial recognition technologies.

[My Name is Sara Film Screening and Discussion,](#)
[hosted by the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum](#)
(Thursday, March 18th 7:00 PM EST)

After escaping a Jewish ghetto in occupied Poland, 13-year-old Sara Guralnik hid in plain sight, passing as an orthodox Christian in the Ukrainian countryside, where she was taken in by a farmer and his wife who did not know her true identity.

The award-winning film [My Name Is Sara](#) tells the story of her courage and her harrowing journey.

Hear about Sara's inspiring story and her legacy from her granddaughter and son, the film director, and the actress who portrays her, with context provided by a Museum historian.



Womanhood - A 7 Year Old's Perspective

WOMXN'S HISTORY MONTH

Netflix Party with the IFRC!



Synopsis: Former first lady Michelle Obama discusses her life, hopes, and connections with others

Anyone with a Netflix account can join! Link will be posted in IFRC's Instagram bio.




Thursday, March 4th, 7pm

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THE UNIVERSITY OF
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Student Life
Multicultural Student Center

Solidarity Meeting

*A safe space to find solidarity!
A place to share and support each other
as students of color at Umaine*

**10 SPOTS AVAILABLE FOR EACH
MEETING
IF INTERESTED DONT HESITATE TO
EMAIL
Antonio.Rocha@maine.edu**

Meetings will be held bi-weekly on
Wednesdays at 2pm from February 10th

Students need to be physically in the US to attend.
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Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie a renowned Nigerian novelist was born in Nigeria in 1977. She grew up in the university town of Nsukka, Enugu State where she attended primary and secondary schools, and briefly studied Medicine and Pharmacy. She then moved to the United States to attend college, graduating summa cum laude from Eastern Connecticut State

University with a major in Communication and a minor in Political Science. She holds a Masters degree in Creative Writing from Johns Hopkins and a Masters degree in African Studies from Yale University. She was a 2005-2006 Hodder Fellow at Princeton, where she taught introductory fiction. Chimamanda is the author of *Half of a Yellow Sun*, which won the 2007 Orange Prize For Fiction; and *Purple Hibiscus*, which won the 2005 Best First Book Commonwealth Writers' Prize and the 2004 Debut Fiction Hurston/Wright Legacy Award. In 2009, her collection of short stories, *The Thing around Your Neck* was published. She was named one of the twenty most important fiction writers today under 40 years old by *The New Yorker* and was recently the guest speaker at the 2012 annual commonwealth lecture. She featured in the April 2012 edition of *Time Magazine*, celebrated as one of the 100 Most Influential People in the World. She currently divides her time between the United States and Nigeria.



Our neighbors and elected leaders on Orono town council are seeking input on the best ways to implement policy and structural change to allow for the town to address inequity within town policy and procedure. Our neighbors in Bangor have recently assembled an advisory committee, and town leadership here in Orono would like input on what kind of group or committee might be most helpful in providing feedback and insight from a diversity, equity, and inclusion perspective here in Orono.

If you would like to be part of this conversation (all members of the Orono/University community are welcome, including students, staff, and faculty), please reach out to council member Meg Gardner (mgardner@orono.org) or Staff Associate for Diversity and Inclusion Rob Jackson (robert.jackson@maine.edu) to be included. We welcome all voices with suggestions and input, but want to be particularly mindful to engage with marginalized folks specifically, including BIPOC, immigrants/new Mainers, LGBTQ+ folks, and our neighbors with disabilities.

By taking part in these conversations, you are not bound to any kind of ongoing commitment to this work, and you are free to engage as much or as little as your energy, interest, and comfort will allow. Please feel free to share this call for input with other members of the broader Orono community who may be interested as well!

Honors College Student Ambassadors

IT'S PERSONAL





**HELP DONATE TO THOSE IN NEED!
SUPPORT THE BLACK BEAR EXCHANGE!**

COMPETITION STARTS IN MARCH

COLLECTING PERSONAL CARE ITEMS SUCH AS...
Shampoo, Conditioner, Deodorant, Soap, Toothpaste,
Floss, Lotion, Feminine Hygiene Products, and more

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explore Maine outdoors while
honing in on their leadership skills.

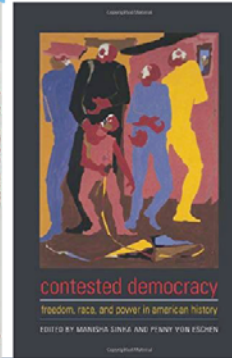
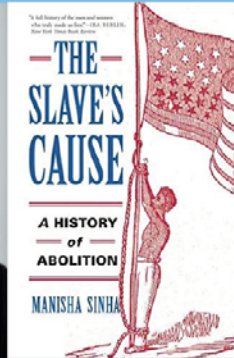
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2021 Howard B. Schonberger Peace and Justice Lecture

The Abolitionist Origins of Reconstruction

Manisha Sinha (*University of Connecticut*)



Part of the **University of Maine History
Symposium Series**
Spring 2021

This talk will trace the roots of the vast legal and constitutional changes during Reconstruction to the abolition movement. Rather than follow a linear narrative from political abolitionism to antislavery politics, it will show how the abolitionist debate over the nature of the US Constitution influenced progressive constitutional change after the Civil War. It will illustrate how black citizenship, one of the major goals of all abolitionist factions, became the centerpiece of Reconstruction.

Tuesday, March 9 (5:15 – 6:45 pm) via Zoom

Meeting ID# 956 8482 0994 (Password: 391122)

Manisha Sinha is the James L. and Shirley A. Draper Chair in American History at the University of Connecticut and a leading authority on the history of slavery and abolition and the Civil War and Reconstruction. She was born in India and received her Ph.D from Columbia University. She is the author of *The Counterrevolution of Slavery: Politics and Ideology in Antebellum South Carolina*, which was named one of the ten best books on slavery in Politico in 2015 and was featured in *The New York Times*' 1619 Project.



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BLACK STUDENT UNION

EVERY
THURSDAY
5PM EST



The Asian Student Association is seeking new members! Our current meeting time is **every other week Fridays at 6pm-7pm** and we meet via Zoom. Check out some of the fun things we've been doing and reach out to our leaders Kelly

and Anna at qianyi.xiao@maine.edu, or anna.bishop@maine.edu for more information or if you'd like the Zoom link for our meetings!

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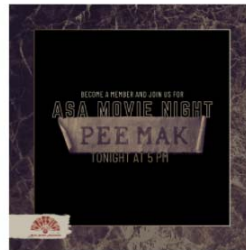
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/UMaineASA/>

Website: <https://umaine.edu/shac/asian-student-association/>

Instagram: @asa_umaine

This year we have...

- Hosted Asian Movie Nights
- Played online games together (Among Us, scribbly, kahoot, Scattergories)
- Provided our members with Asian snacks delivered based on COVID guidelines
- Regularly scheduled zoom general member meetings



The University of Maine presents a new
online mental health tool for all students:

SILVERCLOUD



A new online mental health tool is now available for the well-being of the UMaine community, free of charge. SilverCloud is an online platform that is available to all University of Maine System students at no cost. It offers self-guided programs for anxiety, depression, stress, and resilience. Based on cognitive behavioral therapy principles, the self-guided program is available anytime, on any device.

Aimed at providing treatment for mild or moderate issues, SilverCloud allows individuals to confidentially manage symptoms using the program's interactive content and skill-building tools. The website provides an overview of options and a brief quiz to help you find the right program for you to get started. Once you've selected a program, you can explore more topics on the sign-up page.

Please note, this tool is not meant to replicate individual therapy, rather it is designed to be a self-help tool to assist you in learning more about managing your mental health. If you are interested in therapy services, please contact the Counseling Center at 207-581-1392. Remember to take care of yourself and your mental health!

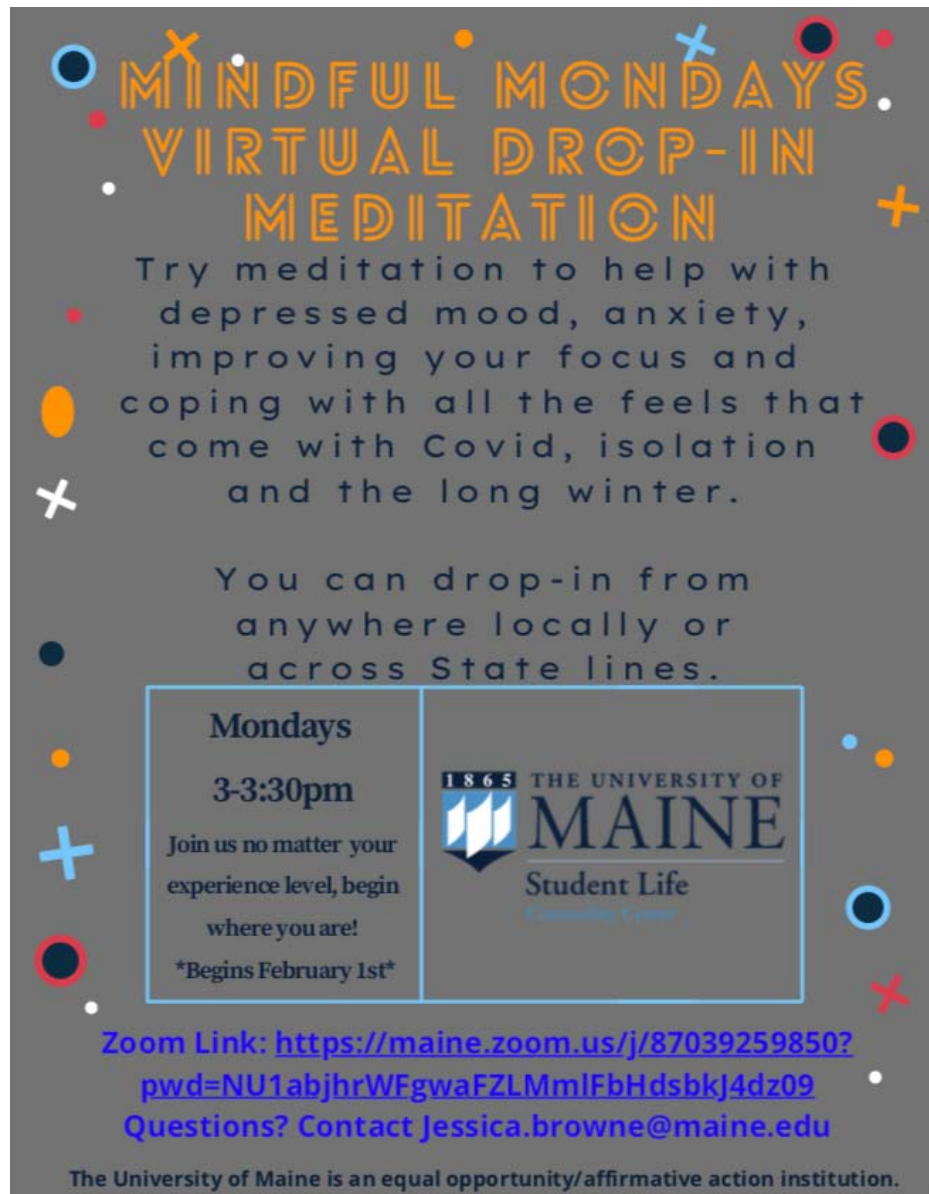
For more information, read about Silvercloud on the Counseling Center's website:
<https://umaine.edu/counseling/silvercloud-sign-up/>

To get started, sign up here: <https://umainesystem.silvercloudhealth.com/signup/>



How much progress have we achieved in the global struggle for equal rights, and how much work remains? From worldwide suffrage campaigns to the rise of [#MeToo](#) and digital activism, we have marched slowly forward. But today, the fight for gender equality is far from over. Discover the noteworthy women, grassroots movements and historic milestones


that have changed the world for women and girls.



MINDFUL MONDAYS
VIRTUAL DROP-IN
MEDITATION

Try meditation to help with
depressed mood, anxiety,
improving your focus and
coping with all the feels that
come with Covid, isolation
and the long winter.

You can drop-in from
anywhere locally or
across State lines.

Mondays 3-3:30pm Join us no matter your experience level, begin where you are! *Begins February 1st*	 THE UNIVERSITY OF MAINE Student Life Counseling Center
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Zoom Link: <https://maine.zoom.us/j/87039259850?pwd=NU1abjhrWFgwaFZLMmlFbHdsbkJ4dz09>
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